

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method of sterilizing a foodstuff packaging material comprising passing the packing material through a dip bath liquid comprising hydrogen peroxide and an effective hydrogen peroxide stabilizing amount of a foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid, wherein said dip bath liquid comprises from 200 to 500 ppm of said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid is aminotrismethylene phosphonic acid.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein said dip bath is ~~maintained~~ maintained at a temperature of 80 to 85°C.

9. (New) A method for chemically sterilizing a packaging material comprising:

contacting the packaging material with a stabilized hydrogen peroxide solution containing from 200 to 500 ppm of a foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid.

10. (New) A method according to claim 9, wherein said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid is aminotrismethylene phosphonic acid.

11. (New) A method for chemically sterilizing a packaging material in high-speed aseptic packaging plants comprising:

passing the packaging material through a dip bath containing a dip bath liquid, wherein the dip bath liquid comprises a stabilized hydrogen peroxide solution containing from 200 to 500 ppm of a foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid.

12. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid is aminotrismethylene phosphonic acid.

13. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein the dip bath liquid is maintained at a temperature of 80 to 85°C.